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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 04314

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PBOR, ASEC, PN  
SUBJECT: LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE: SITREP 5

1. AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL THE SITUATION REMAINS CALM.  
AS REPORTED EARLIER, VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS WILL BE  
HOLDING MEETINGS, PRESS CONFERENCES, ETC., OVER THE NEXT  
24 HOURS OR SO. THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OTHER  
OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES OF WHICH WE DO NOT YET HAVE  
ADVANCE INFORMATION.

2. OUR ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION IS THAT THERE IS LITTLE  
LIKELIHOOD THAT THINGS WILL GET OUT OF HAND. THE GUARD  
AND INDEED THE WHOLE GOVERNMENT ARE DETERMINED TO SEE  
THAT THE CARTER VISIT IS A BIG SUCCESS. IF IT IS  
NECESSARY TO BE A LITTLE UNPLEASANT TO THOSE WHO WILL  
NOT COOPERATE, THEN WE THINK THEY ARE PREPARED TO BE A  
LITTLE UNPLEASANT. THERE MAY BE A CERTAIN  
"DE-LIBERALIZATION", AT LEAST UNTIL PRESIDENT CARTER GETS  
OUT OF TOWN, AS THE ARAGON CASE WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST.  
THE SPEECHES BY LABOR MINISTER AHUMADA AND EDUCATION  
MINISTER ROYO, WITH THEIR IMPLICATION THAT THE POLS WERE  
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BEHIND THE STUDENT TROUBLES, WOULD SEEM TO BODE ILL FOR  
THE PARTIES. IN ANY EVENT, THE STUDENT VIOLENCE,  
FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF ARNULFO'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN,  
HAS PROBABLY CONVINCED THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT CANNOT  
AFFORD TO BE RELAXED.

3. THUS WE SEE PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP COMING OFF

WITHOUT A SERIOUS HITCH; IN FACT, WE BELIEVE HE WILL GET  
A BIG WELCOME. BUT THE WOUNDS OPENED IN THE PAST WEEK  
WILL NOT CLOSE EASILY WHEN THE SHOUTING IS OVER AND THE  
PRESIDENT HAS GONE HOME.

4. UNLESS THERE ARE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS, WE WILL  
CLOSE THIS SITREP SERIES WITH THIS CABLE. WE WILL  
CONTINUE TO REPORT AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER.  
JORDEN

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